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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTel (B), EMBASSY OFFICERS MET SEPT. 7 WITH OAEP DIRECTOR GENERAL KRIVUTHI SUKIJBURUNG. REFTel (C) REPLIED TO REFTel (B). EMBASSY OFFICERS USED OCCASION TO INSPECT PROGRESS MADE ON UPGRADING OAEP PHYSICAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS SINCE TRANSMITTAL REFTel (A).

2. THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS, BUT IT HAS BEEN SLOW. THIS IS DUE IN PART TO BUDGET FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR NOT YET HAVING BEEN APPROVED BY PARLIAMENT. (IT HAS PASSED FIRST READING, AND EMBASSY EXPECTS FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE GIVEN SHORTLY) SOME ADVANCES HAVE BEEN MADE:

A. COMMUNICATIONS WITH POLICE: DUE IN LARGE PART TO LIAISON PROVIDED BY EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER, OAEP HAS NOW MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH NEARBY HQ OF
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MOBILE POLICE PATROLS, AND OAEP IS NOW ONE OF ITS

STATIONS. POLICE AUTHORITIES HAVE AGREED TO INSTITUTE DIRECT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITH OAEP, AND DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING HELD TO DETERMINE MOST APPROPRIATE RADIO EQUIPMENT TO BE ACQUIRED BY OAEP.

B. COLD FUEL STORAGE ROOM: ONE ADDITIONAL STEEL PLATE HAS BEEN ADDED TO INNER DOOR, BUT NEW PLATE IS ALSO QUITE THIN. EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER FEELS THAT TOTAL SECURITY CANNOT BE EVALUATED UNTIL ALARM SYSTEM IS INSTALLED.

C. ALARM SYSTEM: A RADIO-ACTIVATED (27 MHZ FREQUENCY) TRANSMITTER/RECEIVER ALARM SYSTEM HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND BUILT IN OAEP'S OWN LABORATORIES, BUT FURTHER TESTING/ADJUSTMENT IS REQUIRED TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL ACTIVATION BY EXTERNAL NOISE. OAEP INTENDED THAT RECEIVER BE LOCATED AT ITS OWN GUARD STATION. EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER RECOMMENDED THAT ADDITIONAL RECEIVER BE BUILT AND INSTALLED AT MOBILE POLICE PATROL HQ, AND OAEP SEEMED RECEPTIVE TO IDEA.

D. SECURITY PERSONNEL: DIRECTOR GENERAL HAS DETERMINED THAT HIRING OF TWO ADDITIONAL GUARDS WILL NOT DEPEND ON BUDGET APPROVAL, BUT WILL NECESSITATE APPROVAL OF NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. HE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY DIFFICULTIES.

3. DURING COURSE OF MEETING, KRIVUTHI SAID THAT PARTS FOR NEW TRIGA REACTOR ARE DUE TO BEGIN ARRIVING SOON, AND HE EXPECTED GENERAL ATOMIC WOULD SOON PROVIDE AN INSTALLATION SCHEDULE. EMBASSY OFFICER REMINDED HIM THAT NECESSARY LICENSING FOR EXPORT OF REACTOR AND ENRICHED URANIUM WAS VERY MUCH DEPENDENT ON SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF PHYSICAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.
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